

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 12 to 22 are in the case.

Claims 12 and 19 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for all terms and thus, it is believed that the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 are obliterated.

Claim 7 stands allowed. New Claims 21 and 22 have been added to the application and are dependent on Claim 7 and thus, are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 12 has been further amended to state that the single ring is centrally located with respect to the medium retaining members. This is believed to further clarify the structure of the apparatus wherein a single ring is utilized.

In the Office Action, Claim 12 was rejected as allegedly anticipated by Sparkes. Sparkes does not disclose a single ring, but rather two rings as noted by the Examiner. Neither of the rings is centrally located of the medium retaining members.

Claims 13 to 16 are dependent on Claim 12 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons submitted above.

Claim 17 differs from the prior art in that it recites liquid injection means arranged to feed liquid interiorly of the medium retaining member through the base thereof. Preferably, the liquid injection means are located in an upper quadrant of the rotation of the medium retaining members.

Sparkes, on the other hand, utilizes individual sprayers which are located interiorly of the medium retaining member. Using such an arrangement results in excess liquid and dripping of the same. Thus, Sparkes has to provide a means for removing the excess liquid

from the interior of the medium retaining member.

Applicant, on the other hand, injects a precise amount of liquid through a rear wall into the medium for the plants. This eliminates the problem of dripping which is present in Sparkes and the other prior art arrangements.

Claims 18 to 20 are dependent on Claim 17 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons advanced regarding the allowability of Claim 17.

It is now believed that this application is in order for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully



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